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CHILD LABOUR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the number of child labour has trippled by the end of the year 2000 as per an assessment made by the existing Labour Bureau and Planning Commission; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Authentic figures of child labour are generated by the decennial Census and the National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). The number of child labourers as per 1991 Census is 1.12 crore. The NSS Survey on employment and unemployment conducted in 1999-2000 (55th Round) gives the estimates of child labour as 1.04 crore. The Planning Commission also uses the above figures.

The Labour Bureau has not made any assessment about tripling of the number of child labourers by the end of 2000.